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# SASS IRIS LIST

## 1946



### MAPLE ROAD GARDEN

#### SASS BROTHERS

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### FOREWORD

The second generation of Sass Brothers this year assumes the mantle of their predecessors to continue the work carried on over the better part of half a century by them and which has placed them in the front rank of American plant breeders. The name of Sass has become a household word wherever fine gardens are grown.

We, the five sons of Jacob Sass, who died Dec. 10, 1945, at the age of 73, constitute this second generation. We inherit, share and share alike, our fathers 720 acre farm holdings and his Maple Road Gardens, his plant breeding acreage. We shall carry on both the farming and plant breeding enterprises as a partnership under the firm name of Sass Brothers and retaining the title of Maple Road Gardens.

Our father and his elder brother, Hans Peter Sass, the first generation, came to the United States from Germany with their parents in 1884, settling on a farm near Omaha, Neb., where the family has been located ever since. Hans P. Sass, who for many years operated a farm and his Midwest Gardens at Washington, Neb., from which he introduced many fine irises, peonies, hemerocallis, and oriental poppies, is now 77 years old and has retired, giving up his farm and gardens and moving to Bennington, Neb. We shall have the benefit of his advice on breeding lines based on his years of experience and his life long study of iris genetics.

The names of Hans P. and Jacob Sass have been for so long associated in the horticultural world that there has been a general impression that they were a partnership and one organization. This has never been the case as Jacob's Maple Road and Hans' Midwest Gardens were entirely separate and distinct businesses, their one joint activity being in the annual price list issued by Maple Road Gardens, but also including Midwest Garden productions.

In addition to their plant breeding businesses both Hans P. and Jacob Sass were scientifically trained and highly successful farmers. Both started their scientific training in Germany, Jacob along agricultural lines while Hans specialized in botany and horticulture, studies which he has maintained through the years. Both left the parent farm for farms of their own at the turn of the century.

We, the members of the new firm of Sass Brothers, are in the order of our seniority Jacob J., Henry E., Arthur, Hans and William. During the failing health of our father, Jacob J., Arthur and William, who are more interested in agriculture than plant breeding, took over the farm management. They will continue in this function.

Henry E., who has been in charge of hybridizing for several years, assisted by Hans, will be in charge of iris breeding and marketing.

We thoroughly and gratefully realize that we are most fortunate to inherit a solidly founded going business based on the latest scientific knowledge of farming and plant breeding. Our first task is to bring our acres back into full production, especially the iris department which had to be neglected during the war years to give right of way to food crops and also because a serious shortage of manpower. Jacob J. and Hans served overseas during the war and were twice wounded, but are now in sound health.

Despite war conditions our iris business increased so rapidly we were unable to keep up propagation to meet it and the production of new varieties was on a reduced scale. We shall remedy these conditions as far and as fast as nature will permit.

In point of average ages we are, we suppose, the youngest firm of our kind in the field. However, we are old in experience. With the exception of time spent in school and in the armed services of our country we have spent our lives here on the farm where we were born. We have lived with irises since we were born. They are second nature to us.

We have seen on our home farm the origination of an entire race of intermediates, an entire race of autumn blooming irises; and entire race of yellow grounded plicatas; and a start in the development of a series of oncocyclus and regeliocyclus hybrids in which our father was greatly interested, and which we hope to continue.

We have seen iris breeding records grow from a few sheets to a sizeable library, covering a period of 40 years. From these records have been deduced the breeding lines of Sass irises, dominant traits having been noted making it more feasible to work towards definite and desired results. We hope to follow up all these developments and plans have been formulated for several years ahead which, for the time being, we have only to follow to be assured of several seasons of fine new and greatly improved varieties ranking with the best in cultivation. It is our great ambition to maintain the Sass standards of excellence and originality which have already been established.

Some of the early Sass originations provided potent breeding factors, perhaps the most notable of which is King Tut, remarkably prepotent in transmitting brilliant tones of red, brown, bronze, copper and yellow to its progeny. We believe that it has materially raised the intensity of the iris color range. Both the Maple Road and Midwest Gardens went into full production and introduced their first irises at about the same period, 1923. They had bloomed their first seedlings several years earlier, but gave them several seasons of testing before registering and introducing them.

The first irises introduced by both Hans and Jacob Sass were plicatas which at once aroused general interest because they displayed new color patterns. There has always been a strong plicata influence in both breeding establishments. Their many plicata types culminated in Hans Sass' development of yellow plicatas, Siegfried and Orloff being fore-runners of tall, large flowered irises of this type. Hans said that getting the yellow ground into the plicatas had proved

a difficult and complicated breeding problem, but now they can be produced quite consistently.

Our irises are mostly of variegata origin. This is a hardy strain, as the home of the variegata is Hungary where climatic conditions are similar to those of eastern Nebraska and Iowa. They are adapted to the larger portion of the United States, but are not reliable in the warmer regions with little or no frost. In these sections they often fail to bloom or bloom on very short stems. The reason is that the variegatas are waiting for the approach of winter and as they usually start growth late in the year, they will be caught by the heat.

The variegata gives the entire color range of the bearded irises except blue. Hans and Jacob Sass used variegatas in their early experiments more frequently than any other pioneer breeders to obtain a wide color range. They used Trojana to overcome the dominance of low growth in the variegatas and gain height and infusion of Macrantha or Amas blood to increase the size of the bloom.

Plant irises in sunny, well drained locations. The rhizome, the botanical term for the creeping rootstock from which the true roots grow, should be placed just below the surface of the soil, making a hole sufficiently large to spread out the roots. Pack the soil around them, water and do not let them dry out until new growth has started. Point the growing points in the same direction when planting three or more rhizomes of the same variety. If, as so often done, they are pointed in opposite direction the result will be a clump with an open center which will not produce a solid mass of bloom. July and August are the best planting months, but they can be planted at any time the soil can be worked.

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We are introducing only three irises this year—in reality only two—as the entire available stock of one was sold out to visitors to our fields last season. Two of these are Jacob Sass originations, one of the first originations sponsored by our new firm. We make our debut with:

**MATTIE GATES** (Sass Brothers) 1946.—This was Seedling 42-50, a yellow of the same reverse bitone pattern as Golden Fleece, but enough deeper in tone to make it distinct from that variety. It also has heavier substance. . . . . \$25.00

**SALMONETTE** (Jacob Sass) 1946, Seedling 44-39.—One of a series of new pinks. According to Ridgway light ochraceous salmon. In effect a yellowish pink or salmon self. A tangerine beard blends so well into the ground color of the bloom that it is not conspicuous. Medium sized blooms on 34 to 36 inch well branched stems. (H. C., 1945) . . . . . \$50.00

**RAINBOW ROOM** (Jacob Sass) 1946.—A remarkable new blend so named because it seems to us to contain all the colors of the rainbow. At the end of the beard in the center of the fall a metallic blotch gives a striking contrast. Sold out for this year. (H. C., 1945) . . . . . \$40.00

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### OTHER SASS IRISES

**ALEPPO PLAIN** (J. Sass, 1943)—A yellow plicata. Cream ground heavily dotted and sanded on edge forming a border of Pansy Purple. Large flowers on 36-inch good branching stems . . . . . \$15.00

**AMENTI** (H. P. Sass, 1936)—S, grayish vinaceous. F, light mauve. Beard pale yellow. 36-inch branching stem. .25c

**AMITOLA** (H. P. Sass, 1936)—S, and stigmas light russet vinaceous. F, Tourmaline pink. Beard bright yellow. 38-inch good branching stem . . . . . 25c

**ANITRA** (H. P. Sass, 1936)—Verbena violet self. Celeste color. S, domed. F, flaring. Large flowers on 36-inch branching stem . . . . . 50c

**AUTUMN FLAME** (H. P. Sass, 1941)—A big, tall, bright red purple. Fall bloomer . . . . . \$5.00

**AUTUMN QUEEN** (H. P. Sass, 1936)—An everblooming white iris of the intermediate type which has a record of blooming every month from April to November. Flower of good size and quality .....25c

**BALMUNG** (H. P. Sass, 1939)—Yellow plicata. S, and F, yellow, bordered brown. Flowers large on tall and good branching stems .....\$2.00

**BALDWIN** (H. P. Sass, 1926)—One of the best of the dark blue purples. A huge Manganese violet self with an electric sheen in the falls on 40-inch well branched stems.25c

**BERTHA GERSDORFF** (Jacob Sass, 1942)—S, yellow flushed pink. F, yellow heavily flushed pinkish purple. 36-inch stems .....\$5.00

**BLUE SHIMMER** (J. Sass, 1942)—A blue and white plicata. White ground, heavily but evenly marked and dotted soft bluish violet. 36-inch good branching stems.....\$10.00

**BONANZA** (J. Sass, 1939)—A medium sized yellow ground plicata with distinct brown edge on fall. 34-inch stem .....50c

**CITY OF LINCOLN** (H. P. Sass, 1936)—A fairly large and clear colored variegata. S, yellow, F, red brown. 38 to 40-inch well branched stalk .....\$1.00

**CLARA NOYES** (H. P. Sass, 1931)—A gorgeous blend (Honorable Mention, 1931; Award of Meritt, 1932).....25c

**CLARIBEL** (Jacob Sass, 1936)—A large flowered plicata on the order of Los Angeles. Hardy, 40-inch branching stem .....25c

**CRYSTAL BEAUTY** (J. Sass, 1935)—A large flowered self of pure white coloring on 40-inch well branched stalk .....25c

**ELSA SASS** (H. P. Sass, 1939)—Color sulphur yellow, with a white flush in the center of falls. Flowers medium large and of very good substance. Stems 36 inches, low branching .....75c

**FLORA ZENOR** (Jacob Sass, 1942)—S, Rosolane pink. F, Rosolane pink flushed Rosolane purple. Conspicuous tangerine beard. Medium sized flower on 38-inch well branched stalks .....\$5.00

**GARDEN FLAME** (H. P. Sass, 1943)—A broad petaled dark red self. Stems 34 inches tall. Ranks with the top among reds .....\$10.00

**GIRALDA** (H. P. Sass, 1939)—A light pink seedling of Imperial Blush. Large, rather long, flowers on short branching stems 5 feet tall .....\$1.00

**GOLDEN AGE** (J. Sass, 1939)—Flowers medium to large. Color darkest yellow self. 42 inches, low branching stem.50c

**GOLDEN FLEECE** (Jacob Sass, 1940)—S, clear sulphur to lemon yellow; F, creamy white with band of deeper yellow. 40-inch well-branched stalk .....\$5.00

**GOLDEN HELMET** (Jacob Sass, 1933)—S, Ochraceous tawny at the edge, yellow ochre at the midrib and buckthorn brown at the claw. F, Morocco red overlaid oxblood red, bronze half striped Morocco red, prominent orange beard. Height 35 inches. Stem low branching. A striking brilliant variegata that shines in any iris planting .....25c

**GOLDEN LIGHT** (H. P. Sass, 1933)—S, apricot yellow, toning to yellow ochre on edges. F, yellow ochre, lightly striped buckthorn brown. Beard light cadium. Branching stem 40 inches tall .....25c

**GRACE BALLARD** (H. P. Sass, 1943)—A large apricot blend from Naranja X Prairie Sunset. The flowers have substance with flaring falls. Stem 36 inches with good branching .....\$3.50

**GREEN SHADOWS** (H. P. Sass, 1943)—Large flowers of nice shape and heavy substance. In color a Sulphine yellow self on tall, low branching stems. 36-40 inches tall....\$15.00

**IMPERIAL BLUSH** (H. P. Sass, 1933)—A beautiful large bluish pink with 40-inch branching stems .....25c

**JAKE** (J. Sass, 1943)—A glistening white of heavy substance, 38-inch well branched stem .....\$1.50

**JOYCETTE** (Jacob Sass, 1932)—S, raisin purple. F, blackish purple. A very large flower measuring 6 to 6½ inches. 42-inch low branching stems. The effect with the sun shining through it is a rich, blazing red. Form excellent and substance heavy with usually three or four blooms open at once .....35c

**KHORASAN** (28-33) (H. P. Sass, 1937)—A massive blended variegata. S, dull gold. Domed. F, nearly auburn, flushed violet below beard. Flaring to horizontal. Stems branching from center. 36-inch .....50c

**LAKE HURON** (Jacob Sass, 1942)—A medium toned blue self .....\$1.00

**LILAMANI** (35-40) (Jacob Sass, 1938)—A velvety blackish violet self. Large flower, well branched, on 38-inch stalk .....25c

**MATULA** (H. P. Sass, 1939)—S, domed, apricot buff, flushed congo pink in center. F, straight hanging. Indian lake, edged buff. Big light cadmium beard, heavy substance .....\$1.00

**MAID OF ASTALOT** (Jacob Sass, 1936)—Large flowered blue and white plicata. S and F, white with blue markings in throat. 45-inch branching stem .....50c

**MIDWEST GEM** (78-33) (H. P. Sass, 1937)—Large, light buff pink, flowers with S domed and falls flaring. Stems branching from center. 36 inches tall .....\$1.00

**MINNIE COLQUITT** (H. P. Sass, 1942)—A massive white plicata, slightly ruffled, with combed standards and broad flaring falls. The petals have a wide edging of purple. Stems 36 inches with wide branching.....\$5.00

**MOONBEAM** (H. P. Sass, 1943)—A large creamy yellow self, with flaring falls and domed standards. It is a tall grower with good branching stems .....\$5.00

**MOONLIGHT MADONNA** (J. Sass, 1943)—Martins yellow self. Medium to large flowers on 36-inch branching stem .....\$5.00

**MOONLIT SEA** (J. Sass, 1943)—S, white, heavily flushed lavender violet. F, white, very heavily flushed lavender violet darkening to mulberry purple on lower edge. Empire yellow haft. The flower as a whole appears to be blue. Medium large flowers on 35-inch well branched stem...\$5.00

**MRS. WILLARD JAQUES** (35-39) (Jacob Sass, 1938)—A pinkish toned blend of No-We-Ta and Clara Noyes type. Very beautiful .....25c

**MISS ARAVILLA** (H. P. Sass)—A more golden King Tut. 36 inches tall .....25c

**MISS BISHOP** (Jacob Sass, 1942)—Pure white with yellow throat and haft. 36-inch well branched stem.....\$5.00

**MISS CAMELIA** (H. P. Sass)—Light bluish-mauve self. Large and tall .....25c

**NASSAK** (H. P. Sass)—A large and tall plicata, white with bright blue stitchings and perfectly hardy .....25c

**NO-WE-TA** (H. P. Sass, 1932)—A pinker Midgard type of entirely different form and an iris of exquisite coloring. S, conic arched and frilled. It is a beautiful true pink self in effect with yellow flushes at the center and edges of the falls and standards. 32 inches.....25c

**OLA KALA** (J. Sass, 1943)—A very dark yellow self. Light cadmium according to Ridgway. Medium large ruffled flowers on 36-inch well branched stem .....\$15.00

**ORIANA** (H. P. Sass, 1933)—A pure white of fine form and substance, of good size, with a finely balanced stem 32 inches tall. This is much superior to the older whites....25c

**ORLOFF** (42-34) (H. P. Sass, 1938)—A bright dark blended plicata. Ground color yellow and blended dark red brownish. 38-inch well branched stalk .....50c

**OSSAR** (24-34) (H. P. Sass, 1937)—This is a glowing, blackish red self. Not very tall, 32 inches, but low branching. There are many buds and often 3 flowers open on a stem. Flowers are of medium size of good shape and substance .....25c

**OZONE** (Jacob Sass, 1935)—A beautiful mauve toned blend. Bluish violet self with pinkish sheen. Brown haft. White beard tipped orange. Large flowers on 36-inch branching stem .....25c

**PATRICIA** (H. P. Sass, 1939)—Color white, S, domed. F, flaring, both heavily ruffled. Stems 34 inches, low but rather short branching .....\$1.00

**PEACHBLOW** (H. P. Sass, 1943)—A pink plicata with a light yellow flush. The flowers are medium large on 36-inch good branching stems .....\$5.00

**PERSIAN PRINCE** (H. P. Sass, 1941)—Another large and tall bright colored variegata. Falls broad and flaring, lacking the yellow edge. Strong grower .....\$4.00

**PINK OPAL** (28-12) (Jacob Sass, 1934)—Sister seedling to pink satin. Large flowers on 40 to 46-inch stems. Color lilac self .....25c

**PRAIRIE SUNSET** (Hans Sass, 1939)—Flowers large and of heavy substance. Color as to Ridgeway Onion Skin Pink and Vinaceous Tawny, with some lustre added. 36-inch stems, fair branching. (Dykes Medal, 1943) .....\$5.00

**ROYAL COACH** (H. P. Sass, 1939)—Yellow plicata. S and F, yellow, bordered brown. Flowers of medium size and heavy substance. Stems 36 inches, low and wide branching .....50c

**RUTH POLLOCK** (H. P. Sass, 1939)—Yellow plicata, S, yellow, dotted and edged dark red-brown. F, light yellow, with a heavy border of red-brown. Stems 36 inches, low branching .....\$1.00

**SANDALWOOD** (6-34) (H. P. Sass, 1937)—S, vinaceous fawn. F, army brown. Good sized flowers of fine shape and substance. 34 inches .....50c

**SIEGFRIED** (H. P. Sass, 1936)—A large ruffled flower of good substance. S, Naples yellow with a sheen of dotted purple. F, pale yellow and striped brown on the haft with purple dots along the side of the distinct yellow beard. Flaring falls. Large flowers on 44-inch branching stem....\$1.00

**SIR LAUNCELOT** (J. Sass, 1935)—S, haze. F, claret brown. Golden haft; orange beard. A rich golden brown iris 30-32 inches tall .....25c

**SNOWKING** (H. P. Sass)—A new large white, the flowers well balanced on tall branching stems. Much admired at the Lincoln National Iris Show .....50c



**SNOW VELVET** (H. P. Sass, 1942)—A white of very heavy substance. Flowers are large and stay in good condition on hot days when nearly all others have wilted. The stems are 40 inches with rather short branching.....\$5.00

**SOLID MAHOGANY** (Jacob Sass, 1944)—A bronzy red purple self. S, Victoria Lake. F, Velvety Burnt Lake. Large flower, 36-inch stem .....\$15.00

**SPOKAN** (Jacob Sass, 1933)—S, sayal brown overlaid reddish brown; F, oxblood red, overlaid blackish brown. Haft yellow with brown stripes. Prominent orange beard. The most brilliant of the red-brown blends. The blooms are carried on 36-inch well branched stems.....25c

**STARLESS NIGHT** (Jacob Sass, 1941)—Very dark blackish purple self with reddish sheen. Yellow beard. Medium sized flowers. 36-inch stalk .....\$5.00

**SUNSET SERENADE** (J. Sass, 1943)—A soft golden tan. S, apricot buff. F, orange vinaceous, yellow beard. Large flowers on 36-inch well branching stmes .....\$20.00

**THE BLACK DOUGLAS** (J. Sass, 1934)—S, dark violet. 36-inch well branched stems .....25c

**THE RED DOUGLAS** (J. Sass, 1937)—S, raisin purple. F, Dahlia purple with brown haft. Prominent orange beard. Large flowers on well branched 40-inch stems. (Dykes Medal, 1941) .....\$1.00 Net

**THURATUS** (H. P. Sass)—One of the darkest of all irises and makes a striking garden group. A rather long flower with drooping falls, a blackish purple self, showing rich crimson tones when the sun shines through it. 38 to 40 inches. A real beauty .....25c

**TIFFANY** (H. P. Sass, 1938)—A fairly clear yellow plicata. Ground color yellow bordered brown. 36-inch branching stem .....50c

**VAGABOND PRINCE** (J. Sass, 1940)—Darkest black purple self. 36-inch well branched stalk .....\$1.00

**WAR EAGLE** (Jacob Sass, 1933)—S, vinaceous purple. F, blackish red purple fading to pansy purple. Bloom well branched .....25c

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We grow quite a number of seedling Siberians and also Spurias. We have the following to offer:

**AMELIA EARHARDT** (H. P. Sass)—Siberian. The color is deep blue violet according to Ridgeway. Falls are flaring .....50c

**BLUE CHARM** (H. P. Sass)—Siberian. Large light blue flower. 30 inches .....25c

**MISS DULUTH** (Jacob Sass)—Siberian. Velvety blackish violet. 30 inches .....25c

**SUNNY DAY** (H. P. Sass)—Spuria. Tall gleaming yellow self .....\$1.00

Owing to the expense of packing and shipping we cannot accept orders for less than One Dollar.

All orders are accepted subject to the condition and availability of stock at shipping time or being sold out. Early orders will be appreciated.

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IN VARIETY.**

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<b>ADONIS</b> —Light pink with deep yellow collar.	
Late .....	\$1.50
<b>DIANA</b> —Pure white of full rose type .....	\$1.00
<b>ELIZ. HUNTINGTON</b> —Tall, light pink, mid-season .....	\$1.00
<b>ELSA SASS</b> —White with light salmon flush in center.	
Late .....	\$2.50
<b>EVENING STAR</b> —White with flame red edgings in center .....	\$5.00
<b>GLEAM OF GOLD</b> —White with yellow collar.	
Mid-season .....	\$2.00
<b>GRACE BATSON</b> —Deep pink, large and tall.	
Mid-season .....	\$1.00
<b>HANS P. SASS</b> —Shell pink, deep in center. Late...	\$2.50
<b>HERMOINE</b> —Clear light pink, late .....	\$1.00
<b>LAST ROSE</b> —Pale pink. Very late but sure to open.	\$1.00
<b>JUDY BECKER.</b> Flower large, a brilliant dark red, of full rose type. A healthy grower with stems 32 inches tall.	
Mid-season to late .....	\$5.00
<b>LUXOR</b> —White bomb type, large and very early...	\$2.50
<b>MARIETTA SISSON</b> —Mid-season pink on strong stems.	
Early .....	\$1.00
<b>MINERVA</b> —White, flushed pink, large. Late.....	\$1.00
<b>NEBRASKA</b> —Pure white, large and tall. Late.....	\$2.00
<b>POLAR STAR</b> —A white Jap, large and tall.....	\$2.00
<b>IMPERIAL RED</b> —Single of large size .....	\$1.00
<b>SEA SHELL</b> —Single light pink, large and tall.....	\$1.00

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## HEMEROCALLIS FROM NEBRASKA

<b>HESPERUS</b> —7-inch flowers, deep yellow, 4 feet....	\$1.50
<b>MOONBEAM</b> —Creamy yellow, medium large, 5 feet.	\$1.50
<b>NEBRASKA</b> —Cadmium yellow, 40 inches .....	75c
<b>ORANGE BEAUTY</b> —(65-42). Flowers large, with broad segments, opening flat about 5½ inches. Color orange self. Very fragrant. 34 buds on 40-inch stems. July and August .....	\$10.00
<b>SUNNY WEST</b> —Light yellow, 4 feet .....	75c
<b>STAR OF GOLD</b> —7-in. flower, light yellow, 4 feet..	\$1.50

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